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 by Sabrina Roberts

Heimat

What is your favourite part of summer and why is it the patios? From Heimat all the way down to Sawyer's, you could spend your whole weekend hopping between our neighbourhood's patios. And you should.

Just past Seminole sits the patio that could eat your patio for breakfast: Heimat. One of the biggest in Windsor, theirs is decked out with plenty of seating and an outdoor bar. "We try to offer a comfortable space with some lively music, but not too loud where you can't have a conversation," says owner Ryan Stiller. Fun fact: all of Heimat's beer is imported from Munich, a nod to the cultural elements of the German club. While usually a great spot to relax, there are times Heimat goes all out in celebration. Their club is a recurring feature of Carousel of Nations each summer and naturally, they take Oktoberfest pretty seriously. They'll also be celebrating their ten-year anniversary this summer, so what better time than now to see what they're all about?

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Heading down to the new kid on the block, Circuit moved in this spring and we couldn't love them more. "It's very cool to be reintegrated here specifically. This feels like home", says bartender Ray Brisson, who is singlehandedly responsible for 99% of the artwork throughout Circuit. Aside from the usual beers, canned cocktails, and non-alcoholic options, the bar is quickly becoming a great entertainment spot. This past spring, they hosted everything from local DJ events to weekly Survivor viewing parties to a 12-hour outdoor party. The Circuit crew is eager to provide a good time, so if you need a space for an event, just ask.



Circuit

Not in the mood for a bar vibe? Just up on the other side of the street, Chance has you covered. Literally. The cafe has an outdoor patio sheltered by an awning so that rain or shine, you can enjoy your summer outdoors. Owner Ryan Nantais roasts their beans in-house every Monday and Tuesday, making the whole block smell toasty and delicious. The Chance patio is basically an inlet of the sidewalk, so you'll be entertained by many of the neighbourhood dogs passing by on their daily strolls.



A few doors down on the corner of Whelpton and Drouillard, you'll find Sawyer's. Right at the back of the patio sits their pit, which houses a custom Bog Line smoker for all their BBQ needs. Sawyer's is a goldmine for foodies in the summertime. With two seasonal menus dropping, local beers on tap, and pop-up kitchens with Hummingbird, you'll have something



Sawyer's Craft BBQ

new to try each visit. Sawyer's has become a living example of showing up for your community and fusing passion into livelihood. "Anything that's good for the neighbourhood is good for us," says owner Richard Bailey. Always in high demand, you better beat the rush; their specials tend to sell out by the end of the weekend, just in time to smoke a fresh batch for the following week.

To cap off your tour, head back up the block to find Cookie Bar. With a patio on the corner of Richmond and Drouillard, you can enjoy all the sights and sounds of the street with some beer and a cookie so crazy you might dream about it later. Cookie Bar has reinforced



what it means to be part of a community time and time again. Not only are they great at doing their own thing, they've also helped Circuit in getting situated, offered Bunch a space to host their seasonal clothing swap, and have done pop-up kitchens with Black Magic on multiple occasions. Cookie Bar never hesitates to let you know who they are. There's a whole summer's worth of food, drinks, and entertainment to enjoy in Ford City, so come on by.

CHARRON'S

Quality Market
+ Confectionery

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SAT-SUN 8AM-9PM
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ARTIST PROFILE:

GETTIN' SAVVY

DESIGNS BY SAV

by Sabrina Roberts

The art scene in Windsor has always felt, to me at least, rooted in street culture. Murals, graffiti, streetwear; our most prominent and memorable forms of art can be found walking through the community. Local artist Sav Riley's approach to fashion reflects this, from collecting inspiration from their surroundings to materializing their ideas through scrap and sustainability.



Photo by Jaxon Moore (@actionm_jaxom)

Sav's comfortability in their own skin and genuine curiosity to turn ideas into art is infectious, offering, "whether you're just pretending to be [confident], it's good because [that] can also make someone else be more themselves. The more you are yourself, it can be a reflection of something better for someone else." They credit the local community for what it's done for them and for what it's developing into. "A lot of creative people are doing very cool things. It's cool to work with people who have different styles, different experience levels. There's always an opportunity to dip your toe in." There's a lot of inspiration constantly circulating between creators. Sav knows their strengths, but they also know when someone is just better able to handle a task. "There's room for everyone," Sav says. "Everyone's styles are so different. Let's work together, it doesn't have to be this weird competition."

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Sav has been a recurring face in Ford City for some time now, largely due to their interest in using unique spaces to host fashion shows. Just this winter, Sav collaborated with other local artists to debut their show Urban Grind inside Chance Coffee. "We did workshops with each designer at AWE, and those outfits were used for the fashion show. It was so fun just having people with you along the journey; running the event, designing." Sav's love for the creative process shines in each



Steve's AUTO SERVICE

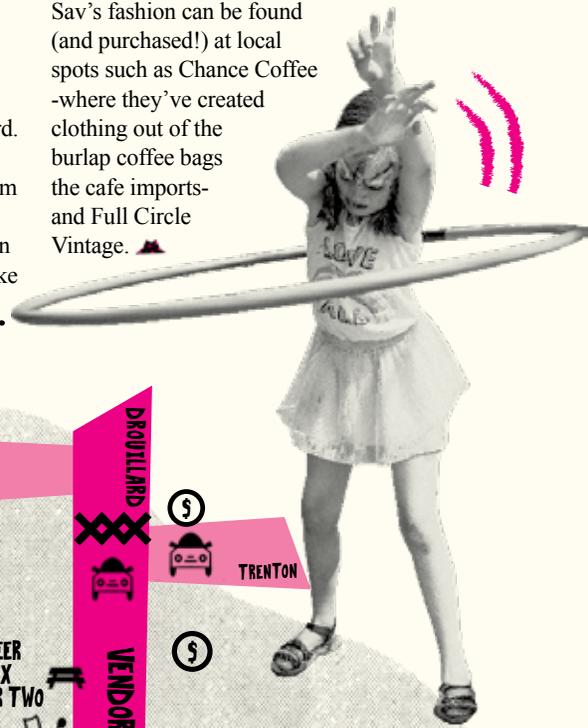
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aspect of their work. Their care, thoughtfulness, and reckless curiosity pivots each original design and runway away from the last - you won't get the same experience twice. They'll be organizing another fashion show for July 5th called Under Disguise, to be hosted at Circuit here on Drouillard. "There's many elements to it, if you know me at all. We asked eight artists to make artwork, and I'm going to make that into clothing for the show. So it's like an exhibition plus fashion." The exhibition will stay at Circuit until July 19th if you can't make

it on the day of. In the meantime, Sav's fashion can be found (and purchased!) at local spots such as Chance Coffee - where they've created clothing out of the burlap coffee bags the cafe imports- and Full Circle Vintage.



GET DROPPED!

Saturday | August 16th | 11am to 10pm

Dropped on Drouillard is happening Saturday, August 16th this year from 11am to 10pm, and we can't wait to run it back again! Each year we get to show off the heart of our community with a party like no other. Dropped is our day to celebrate Ford City and the people and businesses that build us up. For the whole day, the street is shut off from traffic as we set up vendor booths, stages, entertainment, and lots more in the name of organized chaos. There's a lot to take in the day of, so allow us to give you a rundown in making the most out of your day.

Is Dropped family-friendly?

Dropped has no prerequisites - you don't have to be this tall to get on the ride. As long as you're interested in what we're offering, anyone can join in. We've got food, drinks, live music, BMX shows, local artists, and too much more to list. The event is even dog-friendly, they'll just need a leash to join.

Where can I find parking?

You don't find parking, the parking finds you. All of the surrounding blocks have residential parking, so as long as you can find a spot, it's yours. There's also free parking in Walkerville, which allows you a 15-minute trek to warm up for the event. If you feel like biking into Dropped, you can leave your bike at City Cyclery until it's time to head back home. Just don't bike through the festival, we've got enough chaos in motion the day of.

What if it rains?

Rain or shine, Dropped happens. For sunshine - bring your sunscreen and water bottle. For rain - bring an umbrella, bring a poncho, and wear some shoes that love a puddle. If the weather is harsher than that, the Ford City social media account @fordcitybia will post real-time updates on Facebook and Instagram.

The rundown:

If you'd like to learn how to get involved or have other general questions, please visit fordcity.ca/dropped for details. Make sure to also check out W.E. Round Up for Dropped content and info about our vendors. Bottom line: pack a water bottle, wear some comfy shoes, charge your phone, and SEE YOU THERE!!

Feeling overwhelmed? I don't blame you, there's a lot to take in. Thankfully, our beloved graphic designer, Morgan, made a map of our street to give you a sense of direction for your day. Use it, highlight it, rely on it.



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| | skateboarding | | music: live stage |
| | urban circus | | bmX show |
| | motorcycle show | | patio |
| | closed! | | atm |

How can I volunteer for Dropped?

The BIA is always appreciative of volunteers looking to help out the neighbourhood. If you'd like to get involved in the big day (and get a free Dropped tee), please contact kaitlyn@fordcity.ca

For more tips and tricks to enjoy your day visit fordcity.ca/dropped



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Would you like to open a business or invest in Ford City?
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KOMICS by Kitty

